Module: 3 Basic Camera Shots

**Target Question:**

Is it true that the most common way to film or videotape any scene is to use long shots, medium shots, and close-ups? Is it true that using long shots, medium shots, and close-ups is a very good way to cover all of the angles of the main characters in a scene?

**Target Task 1:**

1. Prove that using the 3 basic camera shots is the most common way to film or videotape any scene.

1. The most common way to shoot a scene

I believe using the 3 basic camera shots is the most common way to film or videotape a scene because they cover all angles of the main character.

2. Prove that using long shots, medium shots, and close-ups is a very good way to cover all of the angles

of the main characters in a scene.

1. I believe that using long shots, medium shots, and close-ups is a very good way to cover all of the angles of the main characters in a scene because the long shot gets from the characters feet to their head, the medium shot gets from their waist (or knees) to their head, and the close-up gets from their shoulders to their head.

**Research:**

Find two sources (subject matter expert/teacher or another student) that prove your belief (hypothesis/thesis statement).

Source 1= Mr. Papailler

Source 2= Movies

**Opposite Test:**

Design an experiment/test in which you try to prove that using 3 basic camera shots is not a good way to cover all of the angles of the main character in a scene. Find another way to cover all the angles in a scene.

Experiment: In my experiment instead of using the 3 basic camera shots, I tried to cover all of the angles in scene by just trying to shoot all of them from an extreme long shot

Results: This worked/didn’t work because even though I could see everything, you couldn’t tell who were the main characters.

**Analyze your findings and Draw Conclusions:**

After my experiments (proving the Target Task) and research, I believe my hypothesis to be false/true because…

For example…